

# ***Nonfiction Unit Study Guide***

NONFICTION- Writing that deals with REAL people, places, and events.

Nonfiction contains facts and information.

## **FACTS**

- Statements that can be proven true or false.

## **OPINIONS**

- Statements that cannot be proven true or false.
- Based on an individual's personal beliefs and feelings

## **FORMS OF NONFICTION**

- **Autobiography**

Story of a person's life, written by that person.

1st person point of view

Usually book length

Includes journals, diaries, letters, and memoirs

- **Biography**

Story of a person's life told by someone else

In 3rd person point of view (he/she/they)

The writer is called the biographer

Same elements as fiction (conflict, setting, etc.)

- **Essay**

Short piece written on ONE subject

Usually found in newspapers & magazines (and in English!)

Purposes (P-I-E)

To Persuade (convince the reader of a certain point of view)

To Inform (to teach or give information to the reader)

To Entertain (to hold the attention of the reader through enjoyment)

- **Informational article**

Have you ever read:

A magazine?

A newspaper?

An instructional sheet?

If so, then you have read informational nonfiction!

- **Interview**

Conversation in which one person asks questions of another for the purpose of obtaining information.

## **How should I read nonfiction books?**

### **IDEAS**

Investigate the text- Pre Reading (Look at the title, headings, pictures, maps, etc. Think about what you already know)

Decide on a plan of action- Pre Reading (Look over the pages, figure out what you need to learn, decide how you will remember what you read)

Evaluate your effort-During Reading (Think about what you have read so far, does it make sense, find the main ideas)

Aadjust your reading-During Reading (Make sure you are not reading too fast or slow, use context clues to understand unfamiliar words, ask questions)

Summarize- After Reading (Review what you have read, think of the main points of the text, retell the story in a shorter version)

**What is a topic?**- A topic is the word or phrase that everything in a text refers back to.

**Finding the main idea**- To find the main idea, figure out the topic first. Then, look for a sentence that states a main point about the topic.

**Main Idea of the Amelia Earhart Biography**- Amelia had an amazing life that ended in mystery.

**Main Idea of "Amelia Earhart's Crash Site Found?"**- Through possible evidence, researchers believe they may have found Amelia Earhart's crash site.

